

## COUNTY COUNCIL

OF

HARFORD COUNTY, MARYLAND

BILL NO. 76-37 (AS AMENDED)

Introduced by Council President Freeman and Councilman Cooper

Legislative Day No. 76-12

Date: April 13, 1976

AN EMERGENCY ACT to propose an amendment to Article III of the Charter of Harford County, Maryland, titled, "EXECUTIVE BRANCH", subtitled, "ADMINISTRATIVE APPOINTMENTS", by repealing and re-enacting Article III, Section 313 thereof, to provide for the appointment, confirmation OR RECONFIRMATION and removal of heads of agencies in the Executive Branch each time a County Executive is elected; to provide for the appointment and confirmation of members of boards and commissions in the Executive Branch; to provide for the appointment and removal of all other employees of agencies of the Executive Branch; to provide for the approval of the County Council of those employees the Executive Branch assigns the County Council; and to further provide for the submitting of this amendment to the legally qualified voters of Harford County for their adoption or rejection.

By the Council, April 13, 1976

Introduced, read first time, ordered posted and public hearing scheduled

on: May 11, 1976

at: 6:30 p.m.

By Order: Angela Markowski, Secretary

## PUBLIC HEARING

Having been posted and Notice of time and place of hearing and Title of Bill having been published according to the Charter, a public hearing was held on May 11, 1976 and concluded on May 11, 1976.

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1 Section 1. *Be It Enacted By The County Council Of Harford County,*  
2 *Maryland*, that Article III, Section 313 of the Charter of Harford  
3 County, Maryland, titled, "EXECUTIVE BRANCH", subtitled,  
4 "ADMINISTRATIVE APPOINTMENTS", be, and it is hereby repealed  
5 and re-enacted, with amendments, all to read as follows:  
6 Section 313. ADMINISTRATIVE APPOINTMENTS. The County Executive  
7 shall appoint a single officer to head each agency of the  
8 Executive Branch, subject to confirmation by the Council, as  
9 required by Section 223 of this Charter, and may remove the  
10 same at his discretion. Within six (6) months after each election  
11 for County Executive, the County Executive shall appoint for  
12 confirmation ~~all existing~~ OR RECONFIRMATION, AS THE CASE MAY BE,  
13 ALL heads of each agency of the Executive Branch as defined by  
14 Section 402. He shall also appoint the members of all boards and  
15 commissions in the Executive Branch, except as otherwise provided  
16 for by law, subject to confirmation by the Council as required by  
17 Section 223 of this Charter, and may remove the same in accordance  
18 with this Charter or other applicable law. All employees of the  
19 Executive Branch, other than those specifically provided for in  
20 this Charter, shall be appointed and removed by the heads of the  
21 several agencies of the County Government in accordance with the  
22 provisions of the County personnel law. The Council shall have  
23 the power to approve those persons assigned by the Executive  
24 Branch to the Council to support it in the exercise and  
25 performance of its duties, powers and functions.  
26 Section 2. *And Be It Further Enacted*, that before this Act  
27 becomes effective, it shall first be submitted to a Referendum  
28 of the legally qualified voters of Harford County in accordance  
29 with Section 905 of the Charter of Harford County, Maryland, at  
30 the General Election to be held in November of 1976. There shall  
31 be printed on the ballots or ballot labels to be used at this  
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1 election the title of this Act, and underneath the title, on  
2 separate lines, a square or box to the right of and opposite the  
3 words, "For \_\_\_\_\_", and a corresponding square or box to the  
4 right of and opposite the words, "Against \_\_\_\_\_", so that each  
5 voter of the County may designate his or her decision for or  
6 against the provisions of this Act. If a majority of the votes  
7 cast in the election are "For \_\_\_\_\_", the provisions of this Act  
8 shall become effective from and after the thirtieth (30th) day  
9 following the election, but if a majority of the votes cast in the  
10 election are "Against \_\_\_\_\_", the provisions of this Act shall  
11 be of no effect and null and void.

12 Section 3. *And Be It Further Enacted*, that subject to the  
13 provisions of Section 2 herein and for the sole purpose of  
14 providing for the Referendum therein required, this Act is  
15 declared to be an Emergency Act necessary to protect the health,  
16 safety and general welfare of the citizens of Harford County and  
17 to provide efficient and effective governmental services to the  
18 citizens of Harford County by providing for the timely appointment,  
19 confirmation and removal of department heads and employees in the  
20 Executive Branch and assignment and approval by the County  
21 Council of those Executive Branch employees assigned to assist  
22 the County Council.

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24 EFFECTIVE: Subject to the provisions of Sections 2 and 3 of the Bill,  
December 3, 1976.

25 The Secretary of the Council does hereby  
26 certify that fifteen (15) copies of this bill  
27 are immediately available for distribution to  
the public and the press.

28 Angela Markowski  
29 Secretary

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BY THE COUNCIL

Read the third time.

Passed SLSD 76-17 May 25, 1976 (with amendments)

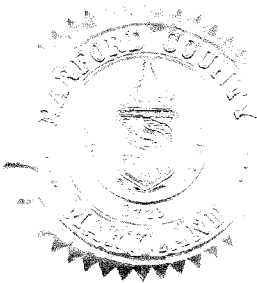
~~Failed XXX Passage~~

By order

Angela Marlowski, Secretary

Sealed with the County Seal and presented to the County Executive  
for his approval this 26th day of May, 1976  
at 3:00 o'clock P.M.

Angela Marlowski, Secretary



BY THE EXECUTIVE

APPROVED:

County Executive

Date

In accordance with Section 311 of the Charter of Harford County, Maryland,  
Bill No. 76-37 (as amended) is hereby vetoed in toto this fifteenth day  
of June 1976.

Rec'd for record 7/29 1977 at 8:45 A.M.  
Same day recorded & examined, per  
H. Douglas Chilcoat, Clerk

Charles B. Anderson, Jr.  
County Executive

BY THE COUNCIL

This Bill, having been passed by the yeas of at  
least five (5) members of the Council notwithstanding  
the objections of the Executive, becomes law on June 15, 1976,  
for the purpose of providing for Referendum therein required and  
subject to the provisions of Section 2 and Section 3 of the Bill.

Angela Marlowski, Secretary

This Act, having been approved by a majority of the voters of Harford County, voting  
on the amendment (Question G) to the Charter of Harford County, Maryland, in General Election  
on November 2, 1976, stands effective December 3, 1976.

Angela Marlowski  
Secretary of the Council

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